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Nancy Marshall - libraries

From: <Asmurdock75@aol.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 4:11 PM
Subject: libraries

It is a scandal that a world class city like Toronto is thinking of cutting library hours. When I see in the Pape and Danforth branch school children reading references for their homework, children and parents revelling in the selection of children's books, homeless people reading the newspapers and magazines plus all of the regular readers who crave more reading time, I am shocked to think this might disappear. The computers are always in full use, the chairs are filled with readers and the enrichment programs are filled with interested citizens. Don't make Toronto back into a parochial backwater as it was in the '60s. Please help us keep the Pape Danforth and all of the other libraries open full time. Thank you. Anne Murdock, 21 Dale AVE, Apt 435, Toronto, On , M4W 1K3

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Nancy Marshall - reduction in library services

From: Julia Phelan <JPhelan@bridgepointhealth.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 4:22 PM
Subject: reduction in library services

I am opposed to a reduction in library services. It is an important part of our community and a reduction in services will have a negative impact on the community.
Julia Phelan
132 Morse St
Toronto
M4M 2P8

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Nancy Marshall - Library Service Cuts

From: David Zeegen <davidzeegen@yahoo.com>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 4:25 PM
Subject: Library Service Cuts

The City of Toronto is trying to fix their financial foundation. Please ensure that you are meeting the request of the mayor by cutting your budget the full 10%.

Thanks.

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David Zeegen
Tel: 416.254.4656
Eml: davidzeegen@yahoo.com

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Nancy Marshall - Proposed library cuts

From: Allan Titus <allantitus@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 4:39 PM
Subject: Proposed library cuts

Please note that I am appalled at the library cuts that have already been made and vehemently oppose any further cuts.

Librairies are needed, especially for those less affluent members of our society.

Thousands of people in North America are occupying cities now. One of their main messages is that the very rich and getting richer, at the expense of the other 99% of us.

Full library services help a bit to reduce the huge gap in quality of life between the rich and the middle class and the poor.

Sincerely,
Allan Titus

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Nancy Marshall - Service cuts

From: Barbara Secker <barbara.secker@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 5:07 PM
Subject: Service cuts

Dear Toronto Library Board Members,
I am writing to urge you to further reduce public library services in Toronto. My Jones Branch is slated for a 10.5 hours/week reduction.
It seems to me that these proposed budget reductions run contrary to the will of Torontonians.
I sincerely hope that you will rethink your strategy.
All my very best,
Barbara
27 Curzon Street
Toronto, ON M4M 3B3

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Nancy Marshall

From: AVRUM JACOBSON <avrumj@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 5:24 PM

I am against cuts to library hours.
Libraries are an important resource.
Tell the mayor to cut gravy, not resources.
Thanks.

Avrum Jacobson
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cell 416 524 9602
fax 416 469 4415

Nancy Marshall - Toronto Public Library - Branch Hours

From: Michael Holloway <michaelholloway111@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 5:29 PM
Subject: Toronto Public Library - Branch Hours

Nov. 2011

I'm writing to make clear to the Toronto Public Library Board and City Council that I think they should STOP the proposed cuts to Toronto Public Library branch hours.

I believe an increase in library hours, and increase over-all Library funding is needed to serve the needs of families hard hit by the economic crisis. Municipal property taxes on large business enterprises should be re-instated to help pay for this necessary social project.

Michael Holloway
Jones Avenue,
Toronto

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Nancy Marshall - Cuts to Library Budgets

From: J ELLIS <ellisjohn@rogers.com>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 5:32 PM
Subject: Cuts to Library Budgets

Beverley and I are absolutely opposed to any cuts to library budgets, as we would be to cuts in health care - government support to the health of the mind is just as important as support for physical health, especially for the disadvantaged.

Beverley and John Ellis
52 Rainsford Road
Toronto M4L 3N6

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Nancy Marshall - Library hours

From: Mary Anne Carswell <mac.thewordlady@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 5:42 PM
Subject: Library hours

I'm with all those who wanted more library hours, not fewer. I would like my library, the Riverdale Library, to be open on Sundays – that's the day I would most likely use it.

I love my library and all the services it offers.

Best regards,
Mary Anne Carswell

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Mary Anne Carswell
Editorial consulting
416-303-3106

Nancy Marshall - library reductions

From: jack lee <jack.lee@rogers.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 6:04 PM
Subject: library reductions
CC: 'councillor' <fletcher@toronto.ca>

I am writing to protest cuts to our neighborhood libraries. Historically, libraries have been the repository of history, culture, literature and community. In a city in which the majority of its citizens were born outside of Canada, myself included, libraries have also served as an important entrée to Canadian society as well as an opportunity to flourish educationally and hence, the potential to contribute to the overall community economically.

We are in a global environment, one in which businesses, cultural organizations and professionals look to invest in, move to and produce in those cities that offer more than simply housing and roads. They look for those assets such as public libraries, which indicate a city's willingness to invest in its people. To reduce the hours of libraries indicates a city that is not interested in strengthening its most precious resource, its citizens. Reduction in hours is more than a disinvestment in its citizens, it is signaling that only those with money need to read, use computers, learn about Canadian societies. **This is not the country to which I immigrated over 30 years ago.**

As a citizen of Riverdale for over 25 years, I have often marveled at the large numbers of users at the Riverdale library. **As an immigrant from the U.S., I am particularly proud to the fact that this library is one of the few Carnegie libraries in Canada and I must say the Mr. Carnegie would be most chagrined to hear of these proposed reductions.**

As a health professional I am very aware of the value of the educational opportunities given by libraries. I still have fond memories of my childhood library in Rhode Island, where I could sit in an alcove and read classic literature, science textbooks as well as look at wonderful art from around the world. How fortunate I was to have that opportunity to let my imagination soar, to have privy to understanding amoeba, to learn about the Persian Empire, etc., etc. **Why do you deny our children and youth this opportunity: to quote a famous American "a penny wise, a pound foolish". Libraries are not gravy. Libraries are essential to the development of our society.**

Sincerely,
Dr. Jack Lee

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Nancy Marshall - Reduced hours of library branches

From: Peter Dennis <pdennis@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 6:17 PM
Subject: Reduced hours of library branches
CC: <councillor_fletcher@toronto.ca>

I wish to oppose the proposed reduction in the hours per week that some library branches face. I will illustrate my reasons by using the Riverdale branch, the one I most frequently, as an example. The open hours at present (from the TPL web site) are shown below this message:

I assume the proposed 6 hour reduction will take one hour off the Monday to Saturday hours. I frequent the library at various hours, depending on my work shift. Whenever I am there, its facilities are in full use, from browsers to readers to computer users. I find it gratifying to see so many students using the facilities. For these reasons, I request that you at least continue the existing schedule, and I submit it would be very desirable to extend the hours to include Sundays.

Many of the non-leisure class have very little free time left while holding down two jobs, and Sundays are often the only day available to them.

In summary, please arrange for the Board to approve these requests.

Riverdale

370 Broadview Ave., Toronto, ON M4K 2M8
416-393-7720

Monday:	9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Thursday:	9:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Friday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday:	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday:	Closed

Peter Dennis

Peter Dennis
38 Wolfrey Avenue

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Nancy Marshall - PLEASE....

From: Karyn <chocochick@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 6:21 PM
Subject: PLEASE....

Keep our libraries open the way they are.
We realize that adding more hours can't happen but at least keep what's already there.
The children in this neighbourhood NEED the Jones Library to be there. It is a wonderful meeting place and a wonderful resource for all of the familes. And there seem to be more and more families in the neighbourhood every year. It is a growing area and it needs a good, well-stocked library.
PLEASE.....KEEP THIS WONDERFUL NEIGHBOURHOOD RESOURCE OPEN!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Karyn Spiesman
Hastings Ave.

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From: David Robertson <RobertsonD@smh.ca>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 04/11/2011 6:43 pm
Subject: library service and time cuts

Hello,

I am writing to voice my concern to hear that the Toronto Public Library is planning to cut staff and services, as a result of the current budget cuts. I know that many of my patients, as well as many of my family and acquaintances, use the Library as a key element of their lives. It is an institution that knits us together as a community. The Toronto Library has achieved a great deal over the past decades, and it is unfitting of us as a city to see those achievements eroded by such cuts as these.

Yours sincerely,

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Nancy Marshall

From: susan goodman <susan2goodman@yahoo.ca>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 8:09 PM

I'm a contributor to & long time user of our library. I feel the library does such an important job in this city & do not agree with reducing hours.

Susan Goodman

Nancy Marshall - RE: Library cuts

From: Pam Emms <pemms@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 9:02 PM
Subject: RE: Library cuts

I am opposed to any further reductions in my library services. In fact I feel the hours that the libraries are open should be increased.
Pam Emms
239 Boston Ave,
Toronto, Ontario M4M 2Va

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Nancy Marshall - Protecting Toronto's Public Library System

From: Barbara Morris <arabrabsirrom@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 10:08 PM
Subject: Protecting Toronto's Public Library System

Hello Nancy, I am very concerned to hear about proposed cuts to the Toronto Public Library from my city councillor Josh Matlow.

I especially hope it was just an unfounded rumour (from another source) that suggested that the North York Central library would be closed. That branch is the closest thing that Toronto has to a real large library. The other branches range from near-bookmobile to medium-sized. There has to be at least one very large physical library for people to do serious research. (Real books still have a place even in this world of the internet.)

But aside from that, I am concerned about any cuts to library services. A vibrant library is a central part of a city's ecology; reducing hours will surely lead to some people not being able to visit the library, which is a dreadful thing to contemplate.

Thanks for your attention,
Barbara Morris
18 Brownlow Ave #1004
Toronto, M4S 2K8

Nancy Marshall - for BOARD MEMBERS & ALL LIBRARY STAFF & USERS

From: William Sam Magee <campsharing@hotmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 4, 2011 11:29 PM
Subject: for BOARD MEMBERS & ALL LIBRARY STAFF & USERS
Attachments: TORONTO LIBRARY.rtf

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Phone 905-419-4189 (Fax 905-430-8716)

Nancy Marshall - Libray hours lessened

From: Leo MacInnis <leomacinnis@yahoo.ca>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 7:50 AM
Subject: Libray hours lessened

Hello,

I find it disturbing that libraries are being considered for reduced hours. Libraries are an important part of my life. I rely on the TPL for my reading and viewing materials. For citizens of Toronto, we need the services of libraries to increase ever diminishing literacy skills for the young and evryone else.

Please reconsider this endeavor.

Leo MacInnis
M4M1P8

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From: Daf <daf4rtc@yahoo.ca>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 05/11/2011 9:47 am
Subject: Please back off

I appreciate the pressure you are under to reduce services, pressure from a fundamentally ignorant and uninformed right wing political movement on council.

You must stand up and be counted and not reduce library services in Toronto.

This is a battle that you do not want to be part of. The citizens of Toronto have, and will continue to fight these draconian cuts....you can not be allowed to be support a disenfranchisement of those least able to afford books, and least able to use facilities in the world of Mon-Fri , 10-5. They are people who use the services to better their existence and education, and shutting them out is akin to burning books, and I will fight this with my fellow citizens to the end of time.

My passion is shared by hundreds of thousands in the city..and led by brilliant writers and journalists who will assure that your efforts to slash our library hours and services are met with a firestorm of criticism.

Please do not allow the pressure of the Mayors office to force you into what will surely become an untenable position for you and your fellows.

Sincerely,
a citizen

Nancy Marshall - Pape and Danforth branch

From: Linda.Klan <linda.klan@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 1:11 PM
Subject: Pape and Danforth branch

Hello: as seniors my husband and I rely on the library for books and DVDs.

Cutting the hours would most certainly effect our ability to use the library.

Please re-consider cutting library hours as this vital service should be easily accessible to the community.

Thank you.
Linda Klan

p.s. - I have been going to this library branch for over 60 years.

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Nancy Marshall - libraries

From: Wendy Simon <simonwendy@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 9:57 AM
Subject: libraries

I would ask you please not to reduce the hours of use in the libraries in our communities. Every time I visit our libraries I am amazed at the number of people visiting them. As a retired teacher I value the contribution to general literacy these facilities make in the life our community.
Wendy Simon

Nancy Marshall - public librarary

From: E COHEN <l_ain@rogers.com>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 10:35 AM
Subject: public librarary

I believe that public libraries are an essential service. Libraries provide many services to the community. Libraries support literacy which is so very important to the community. We know that young children who read do well in school. Students who do well in school go on to be productive members of society. Libraries provide an equal playing field for the rich and poor. I know that as a child my family could not afford to buy books so it was a regular weekly routine in my family to go to the library and load up on books for the week. The library introduced me to the world of literature and to knowledge about people and the natural world. It instilled in me a love of learning and of reading which has enriched my life. I have mentioned the most important services that libraries provide but there are many others. Please do not cut back on hours and if anything keep our libraries open even longer.

Thank you,
Elaine Cohen

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Nancy Marshall - Libraries are meant to be OPEN

From: David Langille <david.langille@utoronto.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 10:47 AM
Subject: Libraries are meant to be OPEN
CC: <councillor_fletcher@toronto.ca>

I am vehemently opposed to your closing our libraries -- and cutting the hours they are open means that they will be CLOSED.

I don't want to see a sign in the window: Library CLOSED.

You should be increasing library hours. I say this as a university teacher. I am asking my 350 students to write book reviews and annotated bibliographies that depend on your services. They cannot all be accommodated in the university libraries. They are all citizens of Toronto or the GTA.

Please reassure me that there will be no further reduction in library services.

Otherwise, as a political scientist, I will feel compelled to mobilize my students against your administration.

Democratic citizenship depends on access to information, and you are a gatekeeper.

David Langille

David Langille 647 280 7747
Executive Producer for ***Poor No More*** - a feature documentary on Canada's working poor
Website: www.PoorNoMore.ca

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Nancy Marshall - No eduction in library services

From: OzgUN gUL <ozgungul@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 11:26 AM
Subject: No eduction in library services

Hello,

As a resident of Toronto, I do not want ANY type of service reduction in the library system.

If, as a tax payer, I pay more taxes every year and the only thing I see is reduction of services across all city provided services, what is the point of payig of taxes? I use library system on a regular basis and I oppose to see any type of service reduction.

Instead, focus on finding inefficiencies and with the help of technology, make things work more efficiently.

Thank you
Ozgun Gul
ozgungul@gmail.com

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Nancy Marshall - Save our library services!

From: <anne.burbidge@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 12:28 PM
Subject: Save our library services!

Dear N Marshall,

I live in Ward 30 and use the Riverdale & Pape libraries frequently. My apartment does not have A/C and so these locations are useful to cool off/warm up in and get caught up in reading/internet work. These places are also repositories of local newspapers that inform me about my community as well as of course holding many wonderful books and magazines. If our library services are cut back by an arbitrary 10% mark, I would lose touch with my community and be stuck looking for other places to cool off/warm up. Please protect these important community hubs from reckless "cost-cutting". In the end, if we follow such short-sighted plans, we'll be damaging the fabric of our communities and losing access to valuable resources. What with the economy slowing down, libraries are ever so important to vulnerable individuals. Where else can you get job hunting help, free newspaper access or community support? We really cannot afford to chip away at our libraries in this way. Please also consider the many voices who cannot object to this because of language barriers, health issues or other reasons. Our libraries need protection -- it's in our best interest.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Burbidge

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Nancy Marshall - Library cuts.

From: richard shears <rick_shears@rogers.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 2:32 PM
Subject: Library cuts.

I am totally opposed to any cuts to the library system. Please tell the Twin Mayors to keep their mitts off! I'd gladly go back to paying the vehicle registration tax.
Sincerely,
Richard Shears

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Nancy Marshall - Library hours

From: "P. Brennan" <darncats@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 5, 2011 6:35 PM
Subject: Library hours

Sir/Madam,
I am totally opposed to the cuts to library hours.
Whoever wishes to do this, lacks any vision and understanding of community.

Libraries allow people to come together. Everyone can read
for free and educate themselves. Children's programmes teach and enrich.
People can come together to read and share. It is a wonderful place to
experience a quiet environment in community with others. There are DVDs to share
and librarians that help me find books and resources I need. I learned love reading
because of my local library.

Mr. Ford wants to cut everything in his path.
What for?.... So he can say he did not raise taxes.
He wants to "sell the farm" with no regard to what its function
is and the part it plays in sustaining the community.
He knows the price of everything and the value of nothing!
P. Brennan

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Nancy Marshall - opposition to hour cuts

From: Asa Copithorne <acopithorne@yahoo.com>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 6, 2011 1:26 AM
Subject: opposition to hour cuts

As a frequent user of the Toronto Public Library system I'd like to express my concern with any further reductions of operational hours, the budget for library collections, and any other reductions to the TPL's budget as a whole.

TPL is an invaluable resource that makes an important contribution to Toronto's cultural and educational vitality.

Asa Copithorne

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From: <fatpendie@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 06/11/2011 9:11 am
Subject: cuts to the Parkdale Library

Hello Nancy,

Rob Ford is completely disconnected from our community. Cuts to our public library will have a huge impact on peoples lives.
Parkdale is not a neighbourhood that is comprised of mostly middle class residents. Nor is Parkdale a neighbourhood that is comprised of one particular culture. Education is the only hope that our neighbourhood will remain a fair and liveable place. If we take that away from our residents, we create a group of disenfranchised marginalized people. Education is the great leveler. In the library everyone has access to the world. You only have to look at societies around the world that lack access to education to see what the results will be.

I am furious that Rob Ford has blithely scrapped the vehicle registration tax, losing precious millions for the city, in a cynical vote grab. In times like these there is no contest between education
and a vehicle registration tax. I want our mayor to get educated himself to the tremendous impact that his small-minded decisions will make to our communities.

Susan Grey

Nancy Marshall - library hours

From: Karen Kelly <karenmaikelly@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 6, 2011 12:51 PM
Subject: library hours

Hello,
I hope you reconsider the reduction of library hours.
We will use the library even more now in this economic downturn.
Karen Kelly
416-469-8282

Nancy Marshall - Re: proposed reductions

From: Marylyn Peringer <applesfromheaven@hotmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 6, 2011 1:54 PM
Subject: Re: proposed reductions

Instead of decreasing services, could the Board increase the amount of fines for overdue books? I'd be happy to pay double or even triple for my forgetfulness/ laziness if it meant that the library could serve residents more successfully.

Marylyn Peringer

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Nancy Marshall - Library

From: Ellen Murray <ellen1.murray1@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 6, 2011 2:09 PM
Subject: Library

Hi,
My name is Ellen Murray and I am against the cuts to library hours. I love to use the library and all the wonderful array of services you offer.
But more importantly, as a teacher, I know the cricial importance of the library for my students. Many young people in Toronto don't have books at home and many of them rely on libraries for access to information either in print form or electronically. Libraries are an essential component of a strong education system that will promote a healthy economy in the future.
Thanks
Ellen Murray
2 Noganosh Av
Toronto

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Nancy Marshall - service reduction - libraries

From: <weintraub@rogers.com>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 6, 2011 8:17 PM
Subject: service reduction - libraries

Please - why not consider increasing library hours and services, instead of decreasing them! the measure of our society is how we treasure full access to learning in a safe environment.. instead of returning to the middle ages when such things were available to the very very select and privileged.. is that how we see the biggest city in Toronto? WE object to the playing around with services- shrinking and drying them up.. consider the reverse! watch productivity and general well-being increase, watch our newcomers and youth thrive.. or is that the opposite of what we want?

Sincerely in favour of increasing library services and NOT reducing them, Lisa Weintraub

Nancy Marshall - Library cutbacks

From: James McDonald <jmcdonald@sgmlaw.com>
To: "'nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca'" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 6, 2011 8:30 PM
Subject: Library cutbacks

I am opposed to the proposed Library cutbacks. I cannot speak for other Wards, but I do know how the Riverdale and Jones Libraries are used. They are constantly filled with students, seniors, job-seekers, people who work out of their homes. There are line-ups now for computers and other Library resources. Library cutbacks are short sighted and hurt the most vulnerable and needy members of our community.

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Nancy Marshall - Library hours

From: bette logan <bette_logan@yahoo.ca>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 7, 2011 10:39 AM
Subject: Library hours

To the members of the Toronto Library Board

Culture and access to information are the most important aspects of a society. To even think of a reduction in this area is ludicrous and reflects a very narrow vision.

Library hours are already more limited than they should be, with some being closed Sundays, which is most inconvenient. I protest reductions most strongly and urge the Board to take a saner view, to view our culture as being worth more than money. I believe most people are willing to accept a small increase in taxes, or even pay a small user fee, in order to keep library services as they are - or, indeed, increase them.

Bette Logan

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From: Martha Norman <marthan@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>, <mayor_ford@toronto.ca>
CC: Councillor McMahon <councillor_mcmahon@toronto.ca>, Councillor Fletcher ...
Date: 07/11/2011 10:25 am
Subject: Generation Library

Dear Mayor Ford, Council and the Library Committee

I would like to share my opinion of the proposed cuts regarding the Toronto Public Library system. I have written this before and will continue to write in support of an excellent library system that is recognized world wide for being one of the best. It has taken generations of taxpayers, civil servants, communities and staff to build it to what it is today. The current short term goal of reducing taxes has no place taking down something so valued by so many and devastating the pieces that have taken generations to create.

Please show some pride and don't take everything this city has down to the lowest common denominator just to satisfy taxpayer and leadership short sightedness. it puts too much weight on future generations to rebuild it. Yes cuts have to come in a time of recession but I ask that Mayor and Council show some leadership and make these cuts in more effective and thoughtful way and perhaps consider taxing those that should be taxed like the developers and high finance organizations and businesses that can afford to give back to the communities that provide for their well being. What would New york City be without its library!!!!!

It appears that people want more support behind the libraries then we already have yet we have a mayor who does not know or recognize the urban pieces of his constituency.

To hear that the children's book fines are going to be increased by 150% is absolutely unacceptable. Yes the fine is very small in amount but for families with low incomes and children responsible for their own reading materials they need encouragement not punitive measures.

I love the library and use it for reading, videos, small business lectures, a quite space to take a break from stress, a place of community to introduce my kids to and be part of. It is the place where the kids reading club hosts small scale events that have 40 kids show up to see the balloon maker and talk about books.

Please don't be short sighted. Think of RC Harris who had the insight to build the bloor street viaduct and the water treatment plant beyond the current load so that future generations and populations could be provided for. It is the long term thinkers who are recognized not those that try to avoid taxes for constituents. Please remember this when you consider the future of our world renowned library system.

Sincerely,

Nancy Marshall - We need our libraries

From: Jacqueline Chesher <jmchesher@hotmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 7, 2011 9:44 PM
Subject: We need our libraries

As a child I loved visiting the local library and it was there that I found my love of reading. I am writing to you requesting that you do not make any more cuts to our libraries. Let the children learn.

Thank-you,

Jacqueline Chesher

Nancy Marshall - Library hour reductions

From: Eva Green <evagreen@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 8, 2011 10:08 AM
Subject: Library hour reductions

Dear Mr. Marshall,

As regular users of the Jones branch of Toronto's public libraries, we object strongly to the proposed reduction in hours of operation for that branch. It exceeds 20% of the total number of currents hours per week. Closing altogether on Mondays is simply unacceptable. This branch is always heavily used by children and their parents, by adults and seniors. It is a place of social interaction for those who have little contact with others and a congenial setting for students to do homework and on-line research.

The entire city wide plan of reduction in hours of operation for libraries goes counter to Toronto's fundamental commitment to serving the needs of its citizens.
This new trend of reduction in services must be halted.

Eva & Doug Green

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Nancy Marshall - Library Hours

From: "Zomer, Sarah" <Sarah.Zomer@cancercare.on.ca>
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Date: November 8, 2011 5:05 PM
Subject: Library Hours

To whom it may concern,
Do not cut the library hours that are listed under the Riverdale branch.
Sarah

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Nancy Marshall - Public Library Cuts

From: Patricia Anne Waugh [redacted]
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 11, 2011 6:45 PM
Subject: Public Library Cuts

Dear Sir;

I oppose any cuts to the library system in Toronto. Whenever I visit my local library at any time of the day, they are busy and the computer terminals always have a waiting line. How can you consider cutting this service to people who need it the most? Why not cut COUNCILLORS SALARIES? I don't know if anyone can see how hypocritical it is for the city to cut library services while councillors have large budgets and salaries. It is not right.

Patricia Waugh
[redacted]

Nancy Marshall - Library system in Toronto

From: Douglas Worts <dcworts@douglasworts.org>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 11, 2011 7:01 PM
Subject: Library system in Toronto
CC: Pam McConnell <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>

Dear members of the board of the TPL:

I am writing to encourage the TPL board to resist the urge to gut one of the best public library systems anywhere. I realize that a powerful faction of City Council is pressuring all departments to reduce operational costs dramatically - to address a large fiscal shortfall that was created by their own ill-advised fiscal policies of abolishing existing tax revenues and forgoing modest property tax increases. When confronted by the short-sightedness of the Ford Administration's demand for a "10%, across-the-board" cut to all City departments, I do hope that the TPL Board will put the interests of Torontonians above the Mayor and his cronies, who would damage the very fabric of what makes our City a great place to live in the interests of supporting their fiscal ideology.

By all accounts the TPL board has achieved enormous efficiencies through its recent, diligent planning processes. But it seems that you are now at the point where the only way to achieve further cost reductions is to cut services. This is a line that should not be crossed. The library serves vital needs of Toronto's communities and residents. As the board members of the TPL, please ensure that the public does not suffer from the fiscal mess that has been largely created by the current Mayor and his supporters.

Thank you.

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"In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of.
In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of."
Confucius

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From: Bob McMullan <bob@abbeyfield.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 11/11/2011 7:23 pm
Subject: Libraries must stay

Dear N Marshall

re Pam McConnell's email

My Library is Parliament. The powers-that-be should realize that the library does more than lend books,

Advice on subjects. Computers. Large print books. Magazines. Warm and cool. Surplus books for pennies, Children borrowing piles of books and:

Wonderful, cheerful, friendly staff who love their work.

Some books I want are only available at the Metro Library so I tried out the Robarts. The floor I wanted had stacks about my subject, China, but no one to guide me. Our obsession with computers is creating loneliness through lack of human contact. Libraries are a haven and valuable resource.

Best wishes.

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CC: <councillor_fletcher@toronto.ca>, <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>
Date: 11/11/2011 8:11 pm
Subject: reduction of library hours

I am appalled by the proposed reductions in library hours and I hope the Toronto Public Library Board will reconsider these proposals.

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From: Jeff Good <jeff@uforchange.org>
To: Libraries <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
CC: <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>, Mary-Margaret McMahon <councillor_mcm...
Date: 11/11/2011 10:37 pm
Subject: Library Cuts

Greetings,

While I am completely opposed to the 5.7% cut that has already been reviewed for the Library system, further cuts only add salt to this wound. The Toronto library system is one of the most-used in the world, and represents a great value for us as tax payers. At a time when we seek to provide efficient services for low income families, and to provide newcomers to Canada with resources, it is pure folly to cut library services.

I am completely opposed to further library cuts.

Thank you,

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From: Elva Mai Hoover <elvamaihoover@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 11/11/2011 10:56 pm
Subject: Stop library cuts

The St Lawrence branch library is an important part of this neighbourhood, and I do not want to see it impeded in any way. People rely on the computer access it provides, the cultural stimulus, the children's activities. They are curtailed as it is, and they mustn't be cut back more.

Elva Mai Hoover

Nancy Marshall - In opposition to reducing library services in Toronto

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From: Jennifer Modica <jen.modica@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 11, 2011 11:04 PM
Subject: In opposition to reducing library services in Toronto
CC: <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>

It is with much regret that I read of the proposed reductions in library services across Toronto from my city councillor Pam McConnell.

These proposed reductions weaken our neighbourhoods, our community, our city and our democracy. They put at further risk the most vulnerable amongst us by depriving them of the right to access information.

In Ward 28, individuals, families and children rely on our library services everyday. In fact, I would argue that our libraries are underfunded as is and any further cuts puts the library system at risk for becoming obsolete. Programming for children and youth is constantly wait-listed, with many children going without the services they need to ensure they have the foundations to succeed. Computer time is always at a premium with individuals waiting for a terminal when they need access to the Internet to search for jobs, housing and other day-to-day needs. Current hours of operation mean that individuals in the St. Lawrence community already have limited access - **further reductions would mean adding unnecessary barriers** to the access of information. This is deeply troubling as access to information is vital for functioning free and democratic societies.

Library hours and investments in its collections are a vital part of a vibrant and thriving city. Here are just a few of the essential services they provide to our diverse city and Ward 28:

- Literacy for children and adults
- Online access for those who cannot afford private Internet service
- To look for work
- To search for housing
- To exercise the mind and to fulfill the spirit
- Provides a safe community space for learning
- Repository for our shared history and our stories
- Access to expert research and archival library services

By keeping people from accessing information, we are revoking their right to participate as informed citizens. These cuts will further disenfranchise the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for reading my reasons for opposing these cuts.
I do not agree with these cuts and I do not support a council that does.

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Nancy Marshall - do not reduce open hours in our public librairies

From: hugh cleland <hjcleland@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 11, 2011 11:06 PM
Subject: do not reduce open hours in our public librairies

please add my voice to those who feel that libriairies are essential services to all our communitiies, particularly like the parliament street and st lawrence libriaires which serve vulnerable communities.
carolyn cleland
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From: Anthony Samotus <asamotus@bell.net>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
CC: Rob Ford <mayor_ford@toronto.ca>
Date: 12/11/2011 7:45 am
Subject: Libraries need to operate more effciiently

Good Morning
Libraries perhaps should offer more ebooks, perhaps partner with Google's ambitious project to computerize every book ever printed and allow patrons to download their reading material from home. This would allow perhaps the majority of libraries to close and allow the mooniest reed up to help the homeless, hapless and hopeless (Pam McConnell's constituency)
Sincerely
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Nancy Marshall - Cutting services

From: Mary Eleanor Hill <chessiewoman@ca.inter.net>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 12, 2011 8:08 AM
Subject: Cutting services

[redacted]

Please do not cut services for those who need to use the library for many, many reasons. There are children who find the libraries a quiet, re-assuring place to do homework and study; seniors who cannot afford to buy books and use the library as a source for that as well as some socialization. There are people in this country who cannot afford a computer and the libraries provide that.

I am so tired of people who have no understanding of poverty legislating as if everyone can afford everything.

To cut funding to the libraries is to deprive people of the right to learn.

MEHill

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Nancy Marshall - I speak for them....and myself

From: Diana Buck [redacted]
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 12, 2011 8:32 AM
Subject: I speak for them....and myself

I live on the edge of Regent Park, I street over from Cabbagetown and across the street from Riverdale Public library. A library where they know my name. When I was desperately poor and out of work, I used to (as do people today) go to the library from opening to closing.
When I was younger and could walk well, I traveled from library to library for over a year. When I got better and went back to work I was amazed at the about and breadth of my knowledge on things like Medieval farming techniques and the major import and export of many countries in the world. You may think this a bit silly, but for some reason it makes me giggle to remember things like how to marl a field. Or hedging techniques. Also how the Greek gods, seemed to fight with everyone and turn themselves into other creatures in order to have their merry way with the woman. Seems some things never change.
If you think this is all ramblings of an old lady.....your wrong!
I went back to school having left high school with lousy grades to U of T where I spent 2 of the best years of my life.....studying.....wait for it....History.!!!
I started with C's and when I left I got B's and 1A. even though I didn't graduate. (my sister was murdered and I had a breakdown) I was proud of myself. All of those thousands of hours that I spent at the Toronto Public Libraries was not wasted. Every course I took was a third year course and I passed everyone. My classics Prof.was and Oxford Don. A rare find in Canada. She was on secondment to U of T in order I think to 'rustle up some interest'. Prof. E. Fantham told me that I had an excellent mind and just needed to work on my writing skills (which were not really taught in the 50's to girls) and I would be an A student.
Why do I tell you this? I should think by now you would have guessed. Everything I learned to get me through those 3rd year courses while working part-time at a catering organization, I did not have to study for. The information was on my lips and in the case of essay's, at my fingertips. I passed all of those course on information that I had learned during my sick time by spending my days at the Toronto Public Libraries. So there!!!!!
But I could not go further.....and that's another story.
I just wanted you to know that now that I live across the street from Riverdale Library, I see people lined up outside every day. Everyday that the library and sometime even on Holidays because they have no where to go, or because they used the computers to keep up with their family's in other places. To have a quiet place to be, a washroom to use, a place to study, if their homes are small and there are to many distractions. A place for children to annoy the staff instead of their parents...and they do. A place for seniors, like me to read magazines and get books and learn and keep on learning just for the sake of it! And because none of us could afford to own those books, store those magazines, have personal computers and internet
What will happen to all the people, people that you leave literally out in the cold or in the summer heat?. Old Canadians. New Canadians. Lonely people. Lost people. Trying desperately to better their lives and the lives of their children. Those 'other' nameless and hopeless people. Do you think that just because a person doesn't vote for you or anyone else that they should have no say? I think you do.
I will speak for them.
We need our libraries. When I had my surgeries a member of the staff at Riverdale offered to bring my books to me and take others back. I was amazed. I am still grateful. Books saved me from daytime television. A fate worse than death.
I suppose that my Prof. would tell me.....as I have been told.....that I should polish and change

and edit this little missive. But since it is not in fact an essay on which I will be marked, I shan't.
I realize that when making plans for a city this big, cuts must be made. But it's a big mistake in thinking that because I an only a poor pensioned senior citizen and only tenuously, via interests and efforts rather than income, a middle class voter, I don't count and can't make a difference. I beg to differ. I vote. And I think I made it count.
Enough, I am tired.
I remain respectfully (if only tenuously)
Diana Buck
aged 651/2.
I will be cc this to Zoomer Magazine.

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From: Cathy Callaghan <cathy@callaghanpurandare.org>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 12/11/2011 6:20 pm
Subject: I oppose cuts to St. James and St Lawrence libraries

I am aware of the impact that budget cuts will have on the St. James Town and St. Lawrence libraries. I am shocked and opposed to this action. Any day of the week (except Sundays and Mondays) you can go to these libraries and just see what a vital service they provide to people in downtown Toronto. The cuts to the libraries in these communities would be devastating and I sincerely hope these will not happen.

You are part of our elected representation. STAND UP and support these communities so everyone doesn't have to move to the suburbs to raise our families. Care enough about our city to preserve the meager services we have.

Thank you

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Sent from my iPad

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From: <cpauljenkins@mac.com>
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CC: Councillor McConnell <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>
Date: 12/11/2011 7:36 pm
Subject: public library cuts
Attachments: PastedGraphic-5.tiff; Part.002

Dear N Marshall,

I'm writing to add my voice to those expressing concern about dwindling library services, especially hours.

Access to the library system is an important resource for all, especially for those short of financial resources.

Thanks,
Paul Jenkins

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Nancy Marshall - Library Hours and other cuts

From: Margaret Sumadh <msumadh@eol.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 12, 2011 8:12 PM
Subject: Library Hours and other cuts
CC: <councillor_fletcher@toronto.ca>

I live in ward 30
I am deeply concerned about the deep cuts to hours in the Toronto Public Library system.
These are our children's aids to education, their resources, their tools to learning and to provide good ways to do research.

Technology does not substitute for the library staff's support in the use of books etc.
Those who do not have access to computers will lose out.

I fear that this is myopic and a cruel effort to salve the fiscal concerns of those who will neither suffer nor lose benefits.
I am ashamed that these cuts are even thought of in the city I love and have admired and been proud of in the past. What would Carnegie think?

In Peace,
Margaret

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Nancy Marshall - Keep Our Libraries Open

From: michal hasek <hasek.michal@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 12, 2011 9:07 PM
Subject: Keep Our Libraries Open

Please keep our libraries open so that our children do not grow up to be self serving morons like the Ford Brothers.

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Nancy Marshall - St Lawrence LIbrary

From: kim atkins <kimatkins305@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 12, 2011 10:23 PM
Subject: St Lawrence LIbrary

I am writing in response to the proposed cuts to Library Hours especially in Ward 28. I live at King and Sherbourne and am a frequent library visitor. I use the St. Lawrence LIbrary and will be affected if the branch is closed in the morning I attend school in the afternoon
Thank you for opposing these cuts to hours
Kim Atkins

Nancy Marshall - library cutbacks

From: Ross McGregor <Ross_McGregor@rogers.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 12, 2011 10:54 PM
Subject: library cutbacks

Severe reductions in library hours in Ward 28 and similar wards will disproportionately hurt the disadvantaged – those that have no personal access to computers, those who have no place to study, those who are isolated and rely on libraries for connection to the community.

I accept that the City budget needs to be reduced, but for gosh sake be smart and selective. Cut some of the services in middle class neighbourhoods, and even raise taxes. I'm prepared to pay at least my share of taxes to ensure some degree of equity and preserve our most important programs and assets such as libraries. There are likely some economies to be captured in the library system, but be careful that you're not hurting those who cannot protect themselves.

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Nancy Marshall - against library cuts

From: Catherine Mahler <catherine_mahler@rogers.com>
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Date: November 13, 2011 8:50 AM
Subject: against library cuts
CC: CouncillorPam McConnell <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>

Hello,
I am writing to express my concern about proposed cuts to library hours and the plan to reduce library staff positions. I believe that a comprehensive library system is critical in helping develop and maintain strong communities, and that libraries are an important part of addressing equity issues through providing access to computers, information, and programs. Torontonians have demonstrated that they use the library system at all stages of life: young families, students, job seekers and retired folks. Please do not cut hours or staffing. I would rather pay higher taxes than see this important civic system be compromised.

Thank you for your consideration,
Catherine Mahler

Nancy Marshall - Library cuts

From: Lorna Ekblad <lekblad@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 13, 2011 8:51 AM
Subject: Library cuts

I am very concerned about the cut to the libraries in the City. We live in a very mixed neigbourhood and the library is a safe place for children to study. It is also used by the seniors and immigrants who need the facilities for computer use and job search. I personally work as do most of my neighbours and our access to the library is limited to evenings and Saturday's where the deepest cuts are being proposed. Libraries in mixed income areas are essential as places to learn, access your favourite author's latest tome, a safe and quiet place to study, to do research and for many without a computer, a way to keep in touch with your family back home. They are a meeting place and part of the social fabric of an area.

Please think carefully before you take away these threads that hold neighbourhoods together.

Regards,

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Nancy Marshall - Library

From: Elliott Jacobson <elliott@elliottjacobson.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 13, 2011 9:59 AM
Subject: Library
CC: <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>

We are avid users of the St. Lawrence branch and see the great use put in there by children of the neighbourhood who otherwise would not have access to materials, classes and computers. Reduction in these hours would place undue hardships on those who can least absorb them.

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Nancy Marshall - hours of service

From: Melvin Shipman <melship@rogers.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 13, 2011 10:40 AM
Subject: hours of service

Please consider my opposition to the reduced hours of service being considered by the Library Board. Our local libraries are an important community service and the traditional structrure should be preserved.
Sincerely
Melvin Shipman

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Nancy Marshall - Library reductions

From: Pamela [redacted]
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 13, 2011 11:42 AM
Subject: Library reductions

Dear TPL BOD,

I am opposed to a further reduction in library services. Libraries should not be cutting hours as winter approaches. We need indoor spaces where we can go and enjoy heat and quiet. I would like to see libraries open on Sundays, NOT further reduced hours during the week. In our ward we are losing 15.5 hours. This is one of the poorest wards in the city. People need to be able to borrow library materials and enjoy some warm indoor time.

I am homeschooling two children age 8 and 3. My 8 year old has Cerebral Palsy and cannot walk or talk. We enjoy going to the library and looking at books together. We borrow CDs to listen to at home. The library is very nice to go to because it is wheelchair accessible for my son. When we are at the library I can take him out of his wheelchair and he can bum scootch around on the floor, getting his own books from the low children's shelves. The staff know us and are very friendly. Things are getting busier at the library and its getting harder to get staff help some days due to how busy it is.

I also use the Internet at the library. This is a really valuable service for those of us on restricted budgets or even people who have Internet normally but it might be down for some reason (like the Blackberry problems). You can go anywhere in the city and use the Internet. Wonderful. I use the Internet with my children to answer their questions as well.

I like to listen to CBC radio and hear interviews with authors who are writing new books. I like to be able to order these books from the library. Sometimes I wait months and months to get a new book. If less books are purchased, people will be waiting longer and longer to read these newer books. That is not right.

In these times of higher unemployment and belt-tightening for everyone we should be offering more library services, not less. People may find they now have more time on their hands to read but less money to purchase materials. My husband was laid off in June 2010 and he just got a job (thank goodness) in September 2011. He was unemployed for more than a year and his EI benefits ran out before he got a new job. During this time, I was also looking for work. The library was our salvation during a very depressing period when there was little we could afford to do. We had to cut everything, including our Internet. I am so grateful to have a nice place to go to enjoy reading and to use the Internet.

Please keep libraries open, please add Sunday hours. Please increase purchasing power of the libraries for new materials. If reductions are needed maybe some upper management can be laid off or take a pay reduction?

Thank you for your consideration.

Pamela

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From: <teddyandwanda@riseup.net>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 13/11/2011 12:43 pm
Subject: I oppose any more cutbacks to Toronto Libraries

I oppose any more cutbacks to Toronto Libraries.
Andrew Keachie

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Nancy Marshall - cutting library service

From: Barbara Jesson <BJesson@jessonco.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 13, 2011 1:20 PM
Subject: cutting library service

I am opposed to further cuts in library services, particularly in my neighbourhood Cabbagetown, which is a mixed use community with many children that have no other access to books and internet services. While I am on the subject, I am also opposed to closing the Riverdale Farm, selling the Zoo and any cuts to arts and cultural support in the city. I would rather pay a tax increase. Barbara Jesson

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From: Yvonne Singer <ysinger@yorku.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 13/11/2011 2:06 pm
Subject: librrary cuts

I and others have already made it very clear that we do not support cutting library services, especially for those in areas that affect the most needy in our city.
We are extremely proud of Our Toronto Libraries and the extensive services they offer.
For me, libraries are as important as affordable housing and affordable food since I believe that a literate people contributes to a healthier society.
Yvonne Singer

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From: Margaret Webb <mmwebb@sympatico.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 13/11/2011 2:08 pm
Subject: library cuts

Libraries offer an important community service & space. My branch is always full. Whenever I enter my local library, I am filled with pride that this community service exists to welcome new Canadians and long-time residences like myself.

Margaret Webb
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Nancy Marshall - reducing Library hours

From: Julie Di Sensi <juliedisensi@gmail.com>
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Date: November 13, 2011 2:15 PM
Subject: reducing Library hours

Dear Toronto Public Library,

It is my experience that people who have access to libraries and books benefit from the opportunity to learn from people who strive to influence and make a difference.

Wars and riots and robberies and drug deals DO NOT take place in libraries.

Keep the libraries open - offer MORE and not less events and keep the streets of Toronto safe and our youth encouraged and inspired.

Sincerely,

Julie Di Sensi
Seaton Street resident

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Nancy Marshall - Please don't cut library services

From: karen wirsig <karenwirsig@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 13, 2011 3:06 PM
Subject: Please don't cut library services
CC: <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>

I live a block from the St. James Town library, one of the newest in the city. It is a fantastic resource that serves as a living room for a neighbourhood in which people often don't otherwise have a comfortable and calm place to enjoy time with a book or a computer or even just their thoughts. One thing about it, though, is that it has never had full hours. It's closed some full days, some mornings, some evenings. Frankly, it's hard to keep track of the schedule and it's therefore hard to count on (especially when you work shifts). I know some of my neighbours go further to other branches because of the better opening hours. Now you're talking about cutting those back, too. It's a terrible idea. Please make a case to city council to maintain and enhance library opening hours. This service is at least as important as any other service in the city.
Sincerely,
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Nancy Marshall - Propose Library Cuts

From: Ginger Lo <gingerlo2001@yahoo.ca>
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Date: November 13, 2011 7:44 PM
Subject: Propose Library Cuts

Please don't cut our library service any further. An educated poplution will need libraries.

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Nancy Marshall - library bus cutbacks

From: Alice Norton <acnorton@rogers.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 13, 2011 11:09 PM
Subject: library bus cutbacks

I use the mobile library bus which comes to Toronto Island, for which I am very grateful.
I hope this service will not be cut as I am unable to get to other branches on a regular basis and there fore would not be taking out books for fear I would have trouble returning them on time.
Alice Norton

Nancy Marshall - budget 2012

From: Marcel Martel <mmartel@yorku.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 13, 2011 11:06 PM
Subject: budget 2012

Good evening,
Mayor Ford said that his administration would not close library branches and I am glad that he said it. However, we should not cut the budget of an institution that serves the citizens of Toronto so well. Why should we cut the budget of an institution that works well? What are we trying to achieve? Reducing the budget of the Toronto Library network is an attack on culture. We want people to discover the world, to dialogue with different culture and to build a better world. The Toronto Library network does that and I do not understand what the city is trying to achieve. Cutting is not the answer. In fact, I will be happy to pay more taxes in order to protect the library network and city councillors will be surprised to find out how many taxpayers are willing to pay more to protect our library network. I am one of them and my voice counts.
Regards
Marcel
Marcel Martel, 102 Bleecker Street, Toronto

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Nancy Marshall - our community/our children

From: Dolgoy Myra <maledy@rogers.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 6:00 AM
Subject: our community/our children

Myra Louise Dolgoy
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The library is a place where some of the residents and their children can go to use a computer, gather in a safe environment, study in peace. Please help to keep these spaces open and staffed. It's our future. Maybe our mayor would consider paying for his lunch out of his own salary instead of charging it to his expense account. There's no doubt that cuts need to be made but I think they should be looking inward first before outward. Shame on them.

Nancy Marshall - I oppose any cuts to public libraries in Toronto

From: Maria Meindl <mvmeindl@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 8:36 AM
Subject: I oppose any cuts to public libraries in Toronto

If anything, ths incredibly efficient service should receive greater funding.
Sincerely yours,
Maria Meindl

Nancy Marshall - Stop the Cuts

From: Judith Ulyatt [redacted]
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 9:12 AM
Subject: Stop the Cuts

The proposed cuts to library hours are counter intuitive. By restricting access, libraries begin to become warehouses. Think this through.

Judith Ulyatt
[redacted]

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Nancy Marshall - Further cuts to Public Library Service.

From: John Lowe [redacted]
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 10:08 AM
Subject: Further cuts to Public Library Service.
CC: 'Councillor McConnell' <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>

I live at 311 Carlton and use the Public Library at Parliament and Gerard. Whilst I am in favour of efficiencies I am greatly concerned that the Public Library system and its facilities are further cut to the extent that they become irrelevant. Having served as a volunteer board member and advised a number of children's not for profit organisations, I am aware that the need for education especially for the younger members of our community goes well beyond the formalities of the school system. Public Libraries are not about storing books that with the increasing use of technology fewer people access. They are about education, comfort and security, food for the mind, culture, history, the world, the universe, and the possibilities for a better life. They are about our local and global communities and they are about us.

John C. Lowe
[redacted]

Nancy Marshall - reduction in library hours

From: Emma McBey <emmalee@rogers.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 10:29 AM
Subject: reduction in library hours
CC: 'Councillor Pam McConnell' <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>

Why is this necessary? The Toronto Police will not meet the Mayor's 10% budget requirement, so why must libraries. Enough is enough!

Emma McBey
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Supporter of St. Lawrence Library Branch

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From: George Prodanou [redacted]
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
CC: <councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca>
Date: 14/11/2011 11:00 am
Subject: I oppose futher cuts to th TPL 2012 operating budget.

The Toronto Public Library approved a reduction of 5.7% in its 2012 operating budget. Now there is a proposal to cut the TPL's budget, further. I oppose these cuts because the costs fall disproportionately on vulnerable citizens, e.g. children, young students, immigrants, the unemployed, and the elderly. In fact, to contemplate these cuts to the TPL is laughable, given the following.

The Rob Ford administration negotiated a 4 year contract with the Toronto Police Services, that among other enrichments, provides a salary increase of 11.5%. This raises a first class constable's annual salary from approximately, $80,000.00 to $90,000.00. Then, like the TPL, The Toronto Police Services were ordered to cut 10% from it's 2012 operating budget. Instead, the Ford administration have agreed to a 2012 Police budget that is $6 million higher than it's budget of last year. This, in an environment, that has seen reported crime fall by 9%.

It is time that the Toronto Public Library board stop drinking it's Kool-Aid, and return to its mandate of properly serving the growing segment of the population that require the invaluable services of the Toronto Public Library system.

In other words, no cuts to the TPL.

George Prodanou,
[redacted]

Toronto.

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Nancy Marshall

From: Dale Kowcenuk <dalekowcenuk@yahoo.ca>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 12:15 PM

I believe enough reductions have been achieved. The Libraries have taken a big enough hit!
Dale Kowcenuk
Toronto

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From: <mmawhin@yorku.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: 14/11/2011 12:21 pm
Subject: Reduction in Library Services

Please accept this note in opposition to a further reduction in library services by the Toronto Library Board. While I am personally fortunate enough to be employed at a university where I have borrowing privileges as well as access to computer and other library services, many individuals in this city do not. For them, it is absolutely essentially that our libraries remain public, well-resourced and accessible. Public libraries are part of what makes a large and expensive (and increasingly income-divided) city like Toronto civil and livable. The make it possible for those who can't afford to buy books or pay for on-line services and computer equipment to access the information vital to their full participation in a democratic community. Library staff are also essential to enable many people to navigate the world of internet searches and communications, and provide invaluable guidance for research and education. Many individuals work long and/or unconventional hours at low-paying jobs, or have limited mobility. Reducing the hours of library operations will affect such individuals disproportionately, thus exacerbating the inequalities that are already on the rise in Toronto.

I am not able to attend this evening's public consultations on this issue, but I hope you will take these thoughts into account

Yours truly,
Michelle Mawhinney

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Nancy Marshall - Libraries need funding!

From: Jessica Parkinson <JParkinson@gsigroup.com>
To: "'nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca'" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 12:42 PM
Subject: Libraries need funding!

Literacy and access to quality books and computers is key for allowing people to become well educated. Shorter hours will hinder library use. Please do not take any further funding from our libraries. These are public institutions. The public needs them.

Thank you,

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Nancy Marshall - Proposed Library cuts

From: Ruth and Eric Miller [redacted]
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 1:38 PM
Subject: Proposed Library cuts

We are writing to urge you not to cut services at library branches. Our branch, the Parliament Street branch serves an important function in this diverse neighbourhood. At a time when the Police Services have not seen cuts to their budget, why must other services see cuts? This is the height of unfairness. Police budgets saved on the backs of the citizens of Toronto whose access to vital services such as libraries will suffer. Stand up for the citizens of this city. It seems there is no gravy train, except for the Police services.

Sincerely
Ruth and Eric Miller
[redacted]

Nancy Marshall - Library cuts

From: <raybarton2000@yahoo.com>
To: "nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca" <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 2:32 PM
Subject: Library cuts

Rob Ford threw away 60 Million Dollars or thereabouts by scrapping the tax on Automobile Licenses. He's now trying to raise money by cutting essential services such as libraries.

We all need to work together to minimize the harm he is doing to the city.

Thank you for your efforts in this matter.

Ray Barton

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Nancy Marshall - proposed library hours

From: Lucy Oden [redacted]
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 3:03 PM
Subject: proposed library hours

Hi,

I was at a meeting about the hours for libraries.

I understand your need to save the money but DON'T HAVE MOST BRANCHES CLOSE SAME MORNINGS OR EVENINGS!! That makes no sense if students need to study or community space needs to be used.

Lucy

Nancy Marshall - Reduction of hours at the Parliament St branch

From: Heather Douglas [redacted]
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 14, 2011 4:39 PM
Subject: Reduction of hours at the Parliament St branch

Hi,

I understand that as part of the budget reductions planned for the city libraries, the opening hours for the Parliament branch may be reduced, eliminating the Sunday hours.

Ironically, the Sunday hours were why I chose to use that branch, instead of St Jamestown, which is closer. I find that as a person working long hours (10-12 hours per day), it is hard to get to the library during the weekday. Moreover, whenever I go to the library, I see that the computer area is packed – which says to me that it's important resource for the community.

I rely on putting "holds" on new releases, so the reduction in new titles will be very disappointing – but truthfully, I could just go buy the books myself. But then they wouldn't be available for shared use.

In a former career as a budget analyst for the Saskatchewan Treasury Board, I remember reading that libraries are among the community resources most used by the "disadvantaged" – more so than museums, theatre, galleries. So in my view, library budgets should be better protected.

Thank you,

Heather Douglas
[redacted]

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From: Kathy Garrison <k.garrison49@gmail.com>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
CC: <mayor_ford@toronto.ca>
Date: 14/11/2011 5:07 pm
Subject: Cuts to Libraries

I already find the following problems with the Toronto Public Library System:

1. Items are often only available in Reserve Sections because only one or two copies are available. This makes it difficult to access many items I would like to read.
2. Many items I borrow are very worn or damaged because they have been handled so much. Replacements are not made or not made on a timely basis.
3. Staff that have advanced research knowledge are not all the easy to access.

If cuts are made these problems will only be exasperated. Our libraries are a precious resource. More money should be invested in them not less.

Please inform the Mayor and City Council that cuts are not acceptable to the Board or the public.

Thank you,

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Nancy Marshall - Library closings

From: Kenneth Smookler <keymos6@gmail.com>
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Subject: Library closings

My library branch is St. Lawrence; I have also used City Hall in the past.

This library is open few enough hours as it is; one has to remember whether this is a day that one can go in the evening or the morning since neither is available every one of the library's six open days.

Of course money can be saved by doing this but the loss at other levels is ridiculous. An even greater saving could be achieved by stopping every cultural activity in the City, e.g. think of the enormous amount of money that could be raised by selling off every piece of art and every artifact in the AGO and the ROM but the result would be a City with no heart or soul. (It would also be a City that would be sending its citizens to Hamilton and Buffalo for any form of culture.)

Toronto considers itself a "world class" city; world class cities do not balance their budgets by simply cutting every part of itself by 10%!

The idea of requiring every branch of the City to cut its budget by 10% is incredibly silly; it reflects the notion that every part of the City (other than the Police, of course) is overspending by exactly the same amount. To state this is to reveal its absurdity.

To return to the libraries, they are an essential part of the learning process for everyone in the City, at all age levels. From the new immigrants who need to use the library to bring themselves up to speed on the language and culture of their new country to the retired professionals who use the library to keep their minds fresh and active, our library system is a major resource. Only someone who has no interest in books would consider cutting back on the library system, a system which is as essential to our minds and psyches as garbage removal and sewage facilities are, ultimately, to our bodies.

I am a retired professional (lawyer) who has lived in this City for over 60 years; I have been a Library member the entire time. Don't touch the libraries; Toronto would be the worse for it if you do!

Kenneth M. Smookler, J.D., Q.C.

Nancy Marshall - budget

From: alexandra krivicich <alexok@live.com>
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Date: November 15, 2011 10:08 AM
Subject: budget

Hello,

I am in Ward 28 and oppose further reductions the Board has planned.

I regularly go to the Parliament Street Branch (& any branch I happen past) to browse, read & do my work. I also regularly go to the Reference Library to source materials that are rare and very pointed in their focus... not everyone (like me) has access to university libraries so the depth of collections available to the general public is and has always been of immense value to me. For me cutting costs in the "collections" area is like reducing biodiversity... ie, like killing off species in an amazingly rich knowledge system.

In my individual studies of history I am well aware that while "progress" has resulted in new knowledge forming, old knowledge and ways of knowing have been lost. I took an interesting course in "Printmaking History" and found a few interesting niche reference books at the Toronto Reference Library that talked about the positive and constraining changes to "knowledge" (a huge field) as a result of the printing press. I also found an amazing study on the Haidaguai people of the "Queen Charlotte Islands" for another OCAD project. I have found books to which I still refer on Yogic Art, one on meditation mudras and also Sanskrit (I teach yoga & love it).
Also, important to my Slovenian mum's history, I found a rare & tiny pamphlet in the Stacks that talked of a unique event in WW II ... an event my sisters & I have been piecing together to better understand the problematic traumatized family in which we grew up. There is, as you can imagine, a tremendous amount more I could tell you of my valuing the Toronto Public Library collections.

Book collections like these at the amazing Reference Library and collections that are unique to my Parliament Street branch are irreplacable & should not be disregarded. While much information is accessible through home online services (I am lucky enough to have afforded a computer & borrow internet from my neighbour - I am not even middle class) so much of what your, OUR libraries hold is unique and valuable. I think of collections and expanding ones as gold.

I was a Board Member at Scadding Court Community Centre when Mike Harris' cuts ate into athletic & recreational opportunities for youth & the larger community. We saw the statistics: cut these small, ground level services and crime (& the much higher cost of housing & feeding prisoners) more than swallow up any savings. I saw an interesting and quirky documentary about Algeria where student after student said: fundamentalism (replace this with dogma & ignorance) is directly proportional to lack of education or poor education. Yes, what are the costs of curbing our library collections & hours? We don't know yet, and I don't think we should find out!

My father, who grew up under Fascists (under Mussolini's occupation of part of Slovenia & Croatia) in Old Yugoslavia, came here largely because he loved knowledge. He educated himself here & he wanted us all educated & in love with lifetime learning. Though he died when I was young I remember our library visits with love and a deep respect. All of my sisters & nephews love knowledge. I teach yoga at a library branch (over 10 years) and have realized recently how much the yoga students there LOVE knowledge, books & the Toronto Public Library system. Yoga in the libraries (I know ours is not the only class) gets us bookish types into our bodies - they link intelligence with physical health, something athletic yoga classes often do not do. There are very very few spaces left for such community driven initiatives to take place. Having hours that facilitate these unique and important services is vital to healthy communities. Yoga classes can be very expensive and community-based classes in libraries makes it free to all! Not only that, these little classes bring together people (we & other similar programs have quite the community spirit!!) in a city that can be quite isolating.

Nancy Marshall - Opposition to library cuts

From: leah morrigan <leah@transformyourself.ca>
To: <nmarshall@torontopubliclibrary.ca>
Date: November 15, 2011 11:01 AM
Subject: Opposition to library cuts

Hello,

I've been vocal about library cuts because I believe the good people of our city will suffer, children and youth specifically. The library is a haven for community and learning and it would be a real shame if the hours were reduced. I would personally be inconvenienced with reduced hours because I wouldn't be able to collect my holds or do research, and completely shutting my branch (Parliament) on a Sunday would badly affect me and the rest of my neighbourhood. Surely there is some other source of cost-savings that would not affect the hoards of people who hold their libraries near and dear.

Sincerely,
~Leah

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